Engagement of Contractors in Himachal Pradesh

2755. SHRI KISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of contractors engaged in the state of Himachal Pradesh for installing conductors for telephones district wise; and

(b) if so, the rates fixed for installation of the same.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V.RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No. of Contractors engaged for laying U/G cables and overhead cables paying and erection of lines and wires for telephones in various Districts of Himachal Pradesh in given below:

Sl. No.	*Name of District*	*No. of Contractors for*	
		Under ground cables	*Overhead cable paying & erection of lines & Wires*
1.	Mandi, Kullu,Lahaul Spiti	1	1
2.	Shimla, Kinnaur,		1
3.	Hamirpur,Una, Bilaspur,		1
4.	Sirmaur,Solan	1	
5.	Kangra, Chamba		1

(b) The rates fixed for installation of U/G cables and erection of lines and wires is as follows:

1. (i)	U/G cable laying with digging and refilling of trench in Mandi, Kulu & Lahaul Spiti	Rs. 17.40 Meter
(ii)	U/G cable laying with digging and refilling of trench in Shimla, Kinnaur, Sirmaur Solan, Hamirpur, Una, Bilaspur, Kangra and Chamba	Rs. 17.50 meter
2.	Paying of overhead cables upto 50 pairs in all districts.	Rs. 3.75 meter
3.	Erection of wires in all the districts.:	
(i)	Iron/ACSR wire 100 lbs.	Rs. 3.15 meter
(ii)	Iron/ACSR wire 200 lbs., 300 lbs. and Copper weld wire 242 lbs.	Rs. 4.19 meter